

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please insert a new drawing sheet (New Sheet), Figures 7-9, submitted herewith, in the application immediately following Figure 6.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thorough review of the present application. A single claim, claim 43, is presented for prosecution in this Application, claims 1-15 and 21 having been canceled by the present amendment and claims 16-45 having been previously canceled. Claim 43 has been allowed. The drawings have been objected to as not showing every feature specified in the claims. No new matter has been entered by the present amendment. In view of Applicant's amendments and remarks below, Applicant respectfully requests that the present Response be considered and entered, the objection to the drawings be withdrawn, and that the case now be passed to issue.

The Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner has alleged that the "vents", "self-sealing mechanism", "first inner chamber", "second inner chamber", "solid flap", "hinge-like connection", "plunger cylinder", "sponge", "vent cover" and "protective cover" must be shown of the feature canceled from the claims.

In Response, Applicant submits herewith a new drawing sheet with Figures 7-9. These figures show each element specified in the claims, as follows:

"vents" – reference numeral 34

"self-sealing mechanism" – reference numeral 25

"first inner chamber" – reference numeral 28

"second inner chamber" – reference numeral 30

"solid flap" – reference numeral 20

"hinge-like connection" – reference numeral 22

"plunger cylinder" – reference numeral 32

"sponge" – reference numeral 26

"vent cover" – reference numeral 36

"protective cover" – reference numeral 24

Applicant has also amended the specification, for purposes of clarity and completeness, to include these reference numerals as they relate to the figures and written description. Support for each of these amendments to the drawings and specification is as follows:

- “vents” – reference numeral 34: at least paragraph [0032]
- “self-sealing mechanism” – reference numeral 25: at least paragraph [0020]
- “first inner chamber” – reference numeral 28: at least paragraph [0025]
- “second inner chamber” – reference numeral 30: at least paragraph [0025]
- “solid flap” – reference numeral 20: at least paragraph [0016]
- “hinge-like connection” – reference numeral 22: at least paragraph [0016]
- “plunger cylinder” – reference numeral 32: at least paragraph [0026]
- “sponge” – reference numeral 26: at least paragraph [0017]
- “vent cover” – reference numeral 36: at least paragraph [0032]
- “protective cover” – reference numeral 24: at least paragraph [0016]

Applicant respectfully submits that each feature specified in the claims is now shown in the drawings. As claim 43 is allowable, and as Applicant has complied with all formal requirements noted by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully requests that the instant rejection be withdrawn and the case be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner deem the new drawings, Figures 7-9, insufficient to overcome the drawing objections, Applicant respectfully requests that any subsequent drawing objections be held in abeyance and the case be allowed so that Applicant can correct any outstanding issues at a subsequent time prior to payment of the issue fee.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 43 is allowable, and an early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicant submits that the present Amendment After Final is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner and contains no new matter. Further, Applicant believes that the present Amendment is merely formal in nature, is in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, reduces the number of issues under consideration and places the case in condition for allowance. Applicant believes the present Amendment was necessitated by the outstanding Final Office Action and submits that the present amendments to the drawings were not previously made as the prior drawings were believed to be sufficient.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the present Amendment After Final be entered under 37 CFR § 1.116 and the case be passed to issue.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below to expedite resolution of any issues that the Examiner may consider to remain unresolved. In particular, should a Notice of Allowance not be forthcoming, the Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned for a telephonic interview, an Examiner's Amendment, or the like, while the outstanding issues are fresh in the mind of the Examiner.

It is believed that no fees or deficiencies in fees are owed. However, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235 in the event any fees are owed.

Respectfully submitted,

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